

*Clay, Montague, and Wise counties; Wise the returning county.*—George B. Pickett, of Decatur, Wise county, was born in Owensborough, Kentucky, in 1832; came to Texas in 1843, and located in Red River county, and moved thence in 1856 to Wise county, pursuing the occupation of a farmer; entered the Confederate service as captain in the Fifteenth Texas Cavalry, Colonel G. H. Sweet, commanding; was promoted to major and lieutenant-colonel; served eighteen months, mostly in Arkansas, balance of the war in the State service; was a Representative in the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Legislatures, and re-elected to the Sixteenth, as a Democrat, by a majority of 900 votes over four other Democrats.